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Deadline is last Sunday of each month

USSA club meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month.

This month's meeting will be held March 17th at 6:00pm board meeting followed by the general membership meeting at 7:00pm

Club meeting location for the month of March will be at the Salt Lake County Sheriffs Posse Building located at 11000 South 2200 West at the Northwest corner of the Salt Lake County Racetrack at the Equestrian Center.

If you need further direction to find the site, call 801-259-0845. This has been a wonderful site for us to meet and be able to bring our dogs as well. Please be aware that you are expected to pick up after your own dogs both inside and out. Bring whatever supplies you will need to accomplish this task.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

If you are able and willing to assist with goodies for club meetings, please contact Denny Daffron at 801-745-6616. Denny has graciously accepted the position of club meeting

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In like a Lion!



Before...

Isn't it amazing how time flies?

It doesn't seem that long ago we sat together as a small group of dedicated sheltie lovers, and outlined what our "Association" would stand for and work towards.

We've grown since then into a highly organized working group of people, able to work together as a

group and accomplish so much.

It's with many "Thanks" to so very many people in this club and the endless hours of volunteer time we owe the success of this club

to.

March has come in like the proverbial Lion and hopefully will go out like a lamb. We'll need all the help we can get. While the moisture is greatly appreciated, we need the arena to dry out for herding and the grass to dry out for Motorhomes and trailers. We'll all cross our fingers.



Barbara Soderberg and "Taz" enjoying a romp in the snow. This of course is after!

Please let's all keep a community mindset and continue our fine work together to accomplish this great task ahead of us. Spring represents fresh starts, hope, growth and awareness.

Congratulations to all of us for getting this far!!!

Mr President's Message!

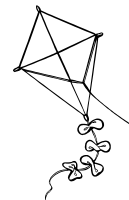
Hello and welcome the March. As most of you know, at this time we are putting every ounce of energy into the nationals, which is being pushed across the nation and the world. We as a club need to stand together and get through this tough 50+ days left and show the ASSA that it was no mistake in awarding Utah the nationals. As far as what has happened in the club in the last 2 months I want to apologize to anyone that felt offended. The situation was

handled the best that most parties involved could and I want this club to prosper and grow and I look forward to the next 8 months. I have some exciting things that I would like to see the club do and bring in for meetings.

The next Club meeting will be held at the SLCo Sheriffs posse building on the 17th of March, board to start at 6 pm and general meeting to get underway at 7 pm. This is the last chance the club has of discussing and working on

the nationals unless we hold a meeting just before them at the discursion of Ernie. Thanks and looking forward to seeing everyone at the club meeting

Kevin Mathews
President



A Scrapbook Moment!



Agility Trial Feb 21, 22



Cindy Wilkinsons "Shimmer"

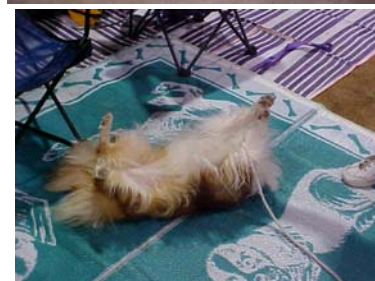


Linda Eastmans "Chaps", co-owned and handled by Shanna Wilkinson successfully put three legs on Chaps and finished a Novice Jumpers title. Darling and smart!



From left, Chaps, Kevin Mathews, Stephanie Burdett, and Cindy Wilkinson with Shimmer.

The agility trial at the South Jordan Equestrian Center enjoyed the company of many of our club members! Our Shelties are naturals at Agility and the dogs in our club didn't disappoint any of us! So, Congratulations to the successful participants and we clearly can see what a good time you all had!



"Holly" doing her dead dog trick!



"Buster" who, having been a rescue, and a previous competitor in Agility now spends his time in his special wagon with his very special owners Tom and Ann Kruger still feeling like a participant!



Kathy Cains little star "Chelsea"



"Holly"

Julie Brown and Shanna doing the walk through before a run.

A Desperate Call For...

These are a few recent (and not so recent) calls for items needed for the Nationals.

We have had a request for exercise pens people may use that are flying in. If you feel you may be able to spare one or two, please contact Ernie.

We need items for the welcome packets. There will be 650 packets and so far we have great things but more is better! Please inquire where you may have an idea if you can!

If you may be able to assist us in

helping pickup or drop off Judges/Symposium/Symposium speakers, please let us know asap.

Please attend the welcome packet stuffing party and bring a goodie to share with everyone. The party will be at Caren and Ernies on March 13th at 10am.

We need an item you feel may fit into the raffle basket from "UTAH" and so far it's a wonderful basket but still has room for more. We'd still like items possibly made only in Utah such as a jar of Utah Honey for example. Put your thinking caps on!

Stephanie Burdett's Brags!

From the agility match last weekend, Gracie finished her standard novice title, Julie and Juneau got a leg in open jumpers, Shanna ran 3 dogs: Shimmer in excellent, Holly in open, and Chaps in novice. Chaps got his title, Holly got legs in open.

Congratulations to all of you! It's clear from the pictures you all must have had a great time! You're an inspiration to all of us!

Paid Ring Stewards?

Cherie Hyde is slated to be chief ring steward for the upcoming UVKC shows to be held April 29th and 30th.

The ring stewards are appreciated by the club and will be paid a stipend of \$15.00 for a half day of ring stewarding and \$30.00 for a full day.

All stewards will be fed a catered lunch as well as being paid for their efforts.

If you feel you may be able to assist with this task, please contact Cherie Hyde at 801-225-0701.

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Please everyone, let's make sure our dues have been paid for the year. The only exception is if you joined the club in the last three months prior to the club's new year starting.

Thanks again!

A Word From Ernie

Hi all,
On Saturday the 13th of March we will have our Welcome Packet 'stuffing party' at 10 am at our home. There are 650 welcome packets to stuff with lots of goodies, so all committee members are required to get this big job done. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting!



Following the 'stuffing party' which will probably take 2-3 hours, Caren will have lunch for us, then we will go over the "Daily Jobs to be Done" and finish up these important Task Sheets for everyone.

The meeting on Wed the 17th will be devoted to the 2004 show, and all committee members will present the

status of his/her job & we'll discuss any problems and resolutions for same.

Everyone please bring a 'goodie' to Club on the 17th for the Welcome Basket, and to bring items for the Raffle.

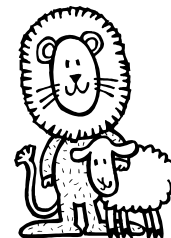
Thanks, Ernie

Club Meeting Minutes February

USSA CLUB MEETING MINUTES, 18 FEB 04

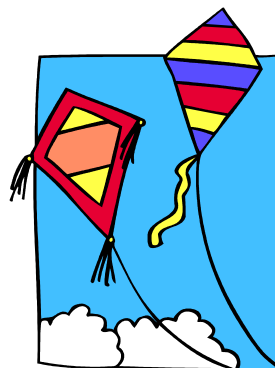
LIST OF ATTENDEES:

Charles & Cheryl Albrecht, Kathy Cain, Ernie Ciampini, Denny Daffron, Steve & Rachel Holmes, Grant & Cherie Horsley, Dale Kendrick, Jennie Lewis, Kevin & Julene Mathews, Marie Miles, Pam Parry, Barbara Pattee, Ava Jane & Eva Jean Pickering, Barbara Soderborg, Cheryl Sorensen, and Ron & Chrissy Weatherston



1. Meeting was called to order by President Kevin Mathews at 7:03pm.
2. Caren Ciampini and Julie Brown were excused.
3. If You need a newsletter call Kevin
4. Julene moved to approve last month's minutes, Eva 2nd, motion passed.
5. Treasurer's report was presented by Rachel. Ernie requested another \$2000.00. Ernie moved to accept Treasurer's report, Marie and Cheryl S. 2nd. Passed.
6. Everybody asked to look at the newly update website. Big thank you to Phil Schmauder for doing such a fantastic job on the website. There have been 8500 hits on the site.
7. Good job Julene for a great newsletter. Her computer is up and running and should be able to continue on schedule from now on. Reminder to get things in to the newsletter by the last Sunday of the month.
8. Club meeting on March 17. No Meeting in April, unless emergency.
9. Pam announced that 2 new breeds have been accepted, by the AKC, to the working group and will become official July 1, 2004. The breeds are: the Neapolitan Mastiff and the Black Russian Terrier.
10. Dale received an e-mail about changes in vaccinations. This information is posted on the ASSA.org site and will be in the next newsletter.
11. Kevin suggested that a party in May, to celebrate the Nationals, be catered instead of everyone bringing pot-luck. Chrissy mentioned a caterer in Orem. Pam rejected the idea of spending hard-earned money on frivolous things. Steve moved that a caterer be hired. Ava 2nd. Discussion: Ernie stated we will all work very hard, but we shouldn't spend the money. Julene stated that a caterer would be costly. Cheryl Sorensen stated that we really wouldn't know how much money we really have until almost a year from the national. Until all of the records are checked and balanced. Steve's motion denied. Barbara S. moved that we do not spend the money for the caterer and table the discussion of the party until after the nationals. Cheryl S. 2nd. Motion passed.
12. Discussion of changing the dues calendar beginning Jan 1 to Dec 31, with a 60n day grace period. After 60 days newsletter will be stopped. The regular calendar year would remain the same. Rachel said she could absorb the 3 months difference this year. Dale moved that the calendar year, for dues only, be changed. Charles and Denny 2nd. Motion passed.
13. Ernie passed out Premiums for Nationals, explained the many mistakes. All judges have been approved.
14. Ernie gave his monthly 2004 committee report.
15. Brags: Shanna received 1st place in her first show, in Novice A. Monday Feb 16, was the Ciampini's 43rd Anniversary. Marie's Brodie is now a Canadian Champion.
16. Remember to bring items for the Utah basket.
17. Ron moved to adjourn, Dale 2nd. Meeting ended shortly after 9pm.

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31st.





What Happened to Joshua?

Joshua had gone missing about the middle of January. The neighborhood was plastered with flyers and the town of Spanish Fork also had flyers everywhere. Every veterinary clinic, pet store, animal control office, and groomery in Spanish Fork and surrounding towns received copies of the flyer.

Last week, to the horror of everyone involved, Joshua's body was found in the backyard of a home just one house away from his own home by some utility workers. It became a police and animal control matter almost immediately. At this time the cause of death is not yet known. The Spanish Fork police indicated that they were planning to interview some suspects. They are disgusted and are taking this matter very seriously.

The editor of the Spanish Fork weekly newspaper planned to write an article about the incident both to warn the community as well as to discuss the topic of cruelty to animals and its relationship to other crimes.

Joshua was a loving and gentle Sheltie. His loss is felt deeply by many people. The fact that he was lost in an unthinkable manner means that we all have work to do — in whatever way we can contribute — to prevent such cruelty from happening to any other creature.

Sheltie Rescue of Utah, Inc. hopes to pursue this in such a way that Joshua's death and the subsequent investigation will lead to greater safety and security for other dogs and greater awareness among communities to watch out for such incidents of cruelty.

Judy Williamson, who probably knew Joshua best, has arranged to have Joshua's remains cremated and returned to her.

The ad that you see below was run as a quarter-page-sized ad last Wednesday, just days after Joshua was found, in the Spanish Fork newspaper.

REWARD

...to anyone who can provide
information leading to the arrest of
the person or persons responsible for the death of a gentle
family dog — a 7 year old Sheltie named Joshua.



If you have any information that might be helpful
please call the Spanish Fork police at 801-798-
5070 or call 801-794-3764
or email: Barbara@Edelberg.name

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Calendar of Events!!

January 21st Club Meeting

February 18th Club Meeting

March 17th Club Meeting

April 15th-25th **Nationals!**

May 19th Club Meeting (summer meetings planned to be held at
Sugarhouse Park)

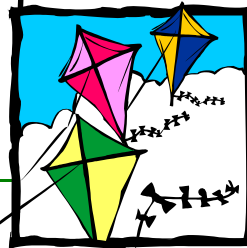
June 16th Club Meeting

July 21st Club Meeting

August Summer Party

September 15th Club Meeting

October 20th Annual Meeting



Vaccination dilemma

The protocol for canine vaccinations are changing.

In the past, the protocol has been typically the series of puppy vaccinations beginning at 7 weeks and ending with the last of the series including the rabies required by law now in most jurisdictions by 4 months of age. This was followed up on with a booster at 6 months of age and a yearly booster with a bi-yearly or now available every three year booster of rabies. That can vary from city to city which may actually require a yearly rabies booster. We are finding the protocols on this is changing.

Virtually every college of Veterinary Medicine is now recommending a change of protocol. With so many diseases being recognized in canines now that was not always recognized with such alarming increase, it has been discovered that not only are these vaccinations not needed every year as adult dogs, but actually may be harmful in some cases. It is widely recognized now in Veterinary Colleges that over vaccinating our dogs can put their immune systems at great risk and may actually cause harm.

Since the jury is still out on the recommended protocols, varying from college to college, most Veterinarians who also rely on the vaccine programs to support their practice, will continue erroneously to recommend a yearly vaccine.

It is a real dilemma to those of us who have a great financial interest in maintaining and protecting the health of our dogs.

There are alternative or homeopathic remedies to the vaccines called "nosodes" which have an unproven effect on the disease.

Without a doubt, and supported by many scientific studies, the puppy vaccination schedule must be completed. This included the rabies. It's after that the recommendations begin to vary. Most colleges now are recommending the series for the puppy, with the rabies, followed by a booster at a year, and only vaccinating adults every three years afterward.

Some studies actually indicate that vaccinating every year may compromise the dogs immune system so severely that it may be linked to diseases such as lupus, or other immune system related

diseases. They may also cause allergic reactions both systemic and local in the canine. These same studies indicate that the titer levels in the dogs following the standard yearly booster vaccinations are not benefited; nor are the levels against diseases noted to be boosted, and therefore gives the dog no better protection against the diseases they are vaccinated against.

Finally, there are studies done that indicate that adult dogs past the age of five years, if properly vaccinated prior, other than the rabies, should not receive vaccinations prior to having titer levels checked. The biggest hindrance to that being that not all Veterinarians are aware of how to go about doing that. It is up to the dog owner to be educated and insist on what is best for your dog, and not always be willing to do a yearly booster unless indicated by low titer levels in the dog.

For further information, do a search on your internet using "Vaccination Protocols for the Canine" or visit <http://www.canismajor.com/dog/vacci01.html#Artbks1>